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Re: STATUS REQUEST  
Serial Number: 09/838,983  
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Dear Ms. Baturay:

This is a status request for the above patent application. The undersigned participated in a personal interview with you and Marc Thompson on May 2, 2005. At that time, it was agreed that the Final Office Action was premature, and that a new non-final Office Action would be forthcoming. As of this time, no new action has been received and PAIR still indicates that the status is under final rejection.

Please feel free to call if you would like to further discuss actions that I could take that would place this application in condition for allowance. We discussed several amendments at the interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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